

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 850

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Samuel Gorden, 2008 Salutatorian of Pigeon Forge High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Gorden is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2008 graduating class at Pigeon Forge High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Samuel Gorden has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Gorden has earned an exemplary 3.96 grade point average, while participating in numerous extracurricular and community activities, including basketball, soccer, cross country, and the Student Government Association; in addition, he served as a class officer, an Upward Basketball referee, and participant in Santa's Workshop through Pigeon Forge Primary School, and the Christmas Store through First Baptist Church of Sevierville; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards or accolades, Mr. Gorden received the Knoxville News Sentinel Academic Achievement Award and rendered sterling service as a member of the Student Congress on Policies in Education; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Gorden's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a student at Middle Tennessee State University which he will attend through the auspices of several academic scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Samuel's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Dave and Beverly Gorden, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gorden's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Pigeon Forge High School Salutatorian, Samuel Gorden, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.